

19<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
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To  
God  
*be the*  
GLORY



*Great Things He Hath Done!*

OUR SAVIOR'S LUTHERAN CHURCH  
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA

# SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

*EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN WORSHIP, SETTING 3 (PAGES 138-145)*

*The liturgy is in the front of the ELW with numbers at the bottom of the pages.  
The hymns begin in the middle of the ELW with numbers at the top of the pages.*

## **PRELUDE**

## **RINGING OF THE BELL**

## **WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.

P: Gracious God,

**C: have mercy on us. We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues. The cravings at war within us cause conflicts and disputes. In our desire to be first we make distinctions among ourselves. We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last. In your great mercy, forgive us our sins. Draw near to us with grace in time of need, and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

P: God promises to forgive our iniquity and to remember our sin no more. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, the source of eternal healing, your sins are forgiven.

**C: Amen.**

## **HYMN #532 “GATHER US IN”**

## **GREETING (PAGE 138)**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

♩ **KYRIE & CANTICLE OF PRAISE** (PAGE 138-141)

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the  
church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and  
praise, let us pray to the Lord.

**C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

**C: Amen.**

♩ **This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Power, riches, wisdom, and strength,  
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**Sing with all the people of God  
and join in the hymn of all creation.  
Blessing, honor, glory and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.**

**This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

**For the Lamb who was slain  
has begun his reign. Alleluia.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Let us pray.

Generous God, your Son gave his life that we might come to peace with you. Give us a share of your Spirit, and in all we do empower us to bear the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

## **READINGS**

**NUMBERS 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29 | PSALM 19:7-14 | JAMES 5:13-20**

**FIRST READING: NUMBERS 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29**

L: A reading from Numbers.

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, “If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at.”

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, “Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, “Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child, to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors”? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, “Give us meat to eat!” I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery.”

So the Lord said to Moses, “Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you.

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all

around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!"

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 19:7-14** (*READ RESPONSIVELY*)

The teaching of the Lord is perfect  
and revives the soul:

the testimony of the Lord is sure  
and gives wisdom to the simple.

**The statutes of the Lord are just  
and rejoice the heart;  
the commandment of the Lord  
is clear and gives light to the eyes.**

The fear of the Lord is clean and endures forever;  
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

**More to be desired are they than gold,  
more than much fine gold,  
sweeter far than honey,  
than honey in the comb.**

By them also in your servant enlightened,  
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**Who can detect one's own offenses?  
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;  
let them not get dominion over me;  
then shall I be whole and sound,  
and innocent of a great offense.

**Let the words of my mouth  
and the meditation of my heart  
be acceptable in your sight,  
O lord, my strength and my redeemer.**

**SECOND READING: JAMES 5:13-20**

L: A reading from James.

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (PAGE 142)**

**♫ Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL [MARK 9:38-50]**

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 9<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

John said to [Jesus], "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who

does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterwards to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

“If any of you put a stumbling-block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

“For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**YOUTH SERMON – REV. LEAH HOLLOWAY-NILSEN**

**SERMON – REV. LEAH HOLLOWAY-NILSEN**

**HYMN #887 “THIS IS MY SONG”**

**CONFESSION OF FAITH: APOSTLES’ CREED**

P: Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God’s only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,**

**he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

P: Drawn together in the power of the Holy Spirit, we pray with confidence for the church, God's good creation, and all who are in need.

*(Each petition ends: P: Hear us, O God. C: Your mercy is great.)*

P: We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

**PEACE (PAGE 143)**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

*(Greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace.)*

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. *(concluding...our Savior and Lord.)*

**C: Amen.**

♩ **GREAT THANKSGIVING (PAGE 144)**

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right....and join their unending hymn:

♩ **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**



## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

### LORD'S PRAYER (PAGE 145)

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.**

### ***CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION***

*All who are baptized into Christ Jesus are invited to receive Holy Communion  
Gluten-free wafers and white grape juice are available.*

**♫ Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world;  
grant us peace.**

### HYMN #614 "THERE IS A BALM IN GILEAD"

#### POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and  
keep you in his grace.

C: Amen

#### POST-COMMUNION HYMN (HYMN #595 v.3)

**♫ Jesus loves me! He will stay  
close beside me all the way;  
when at last I come to die,  
he will take me home on high.  
Yes, Jesus loves me, yes, Jesus loves me,  
yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

P: Let us pray. (*concluding...Jesus Christ our Lord.*)

**C: Amen.**

**BLESSING**

P: Almighty God, Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,  
bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

**HYMN #808 “LORD JESUS, YOU SHALL BE MY SONG”**

**DISMISSAL**

P: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**RINGING OF THE BELL**

**POSTLUDE**

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## **This Week At A Glance**

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| Wednesday | 6:00 pm  | Confirmation at Faith           |
|           | 7:00 pm  | Bible Jam at Faith              |
| Sunday    | 8:00 am  | Worship service at Our Savior's |
|           | 9:25 am  | Sunday School at Faith          |
|           | 10:30 am | Worship service at Faith        |

**Those to keep in prayer:** Mallory Boussetot, Cathy Goddard, Jade Jensen, Van Mickelson, Larry Schau, Diane Sievers, Margaret Travaille (Ruth Braet's friend); the homebound: Carol Christensen, Ron Gasper, Delores Lahann, Myrna Kay Peterson, Rusty Porth, Vera St. John, Betty Schau and Bus Seastrand; and those serving in the military.

**Everyone enjoys a visit.** Four of our parish members are not able to attend worship services on Sunday. If you would like to personally deliver a copy of *Today's Readings* and Pastor Leah's sermon to any of these people, you may collect the items at Sunday worship services. Addresses will be included with each packet.

Betty Schau and Delores Lahann reside at Wheatland Manor.  
Carol Christensen lives at Grand Haven in Eldridge.  
Vera St. John resides at her home in Calamus.

## **Membership Directory**

The Calamus Lutheran Parish is creating a membership directory. You are respectfully requested to submit family information using a hard copy paper form **OR** an online Google Form.

Please submit the hard copy paper form **OR** the online Google Form. The goal is to publish the directory online October 1<sup>st</sup>. Once the directory is active, members will have access to the directory, be able to edit their information, and print a hard copy. If you have any questions, contact the church office 563-246-2622. Thank you for your cooperation.

**World Hunger Day – October 15** – During the month of October, the loose offering will be designated for ELCA World Hunger. Other donations are welcome, please designate for World Hunger. Faith and Our Savior's councils have already approved a donation of \$50 to ELCA World Hunger from each congregation. Thank you for your generosity in support of this worthy cause!

There is an opportunity to listen to a Zoom presentation at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, October 15, celebrating the 50th anniversary of ELCA World Hunger. SE IA Bishop Amy Current and ELCA Vice President Imran Siddiqui will be the leaders. You may register at this link: <http://bit.ly/3ZzCWgX>

The **noisy offering** will be collected on Sunday, October 20<sup>th</sup>.

**All Saints Sunday** is **November 3<sup>rd</sup>** There is a sheet of paper at the back of each sanctuary for listing the names of loved ones who have died this past year.

## Rewards and Punishments

*Mark 9: 41-42 Whoever gives you a cup of water to drink on the ground that you belong to Christ, I tell you truly he will not lose his reward. And whoever puts a stumbling-block in the path of one of these little ones who believe in me, it is better for him that a great millstone hang about his neck and he be cast into the sea.*

The teaching of this passage is simple, unmistakable and salutary.

(i) It declares that any kindness shown, any help given, to the people of Christ will not lose its reward. The reason for helping is that the person in need belongs to Jesus. Every man in need has a claim upon us because he is dear to Christ. Had Jesus still been here in the flesh he would have helped that man in the most practical way and the duty of help has devolved on us. It is to be noted how simple the help is. The gift is a cup of cold water. We are not asked to do great things for others, things beyond our power. We are asked to give the simple things that any man can give.

A missionary tells a lovely story. She had been telling a class of African primary children about giving a cup of cold water in the name of Jesus. She was sitting on the veranda of her house. Into the village square came a company of native bearers. They had heavy packs. They were tired and thirsty, and they sat down to rest. Now they were men of another tribe, and had they asked the ordinary non-Christian native for water they would have been told to go and find it for themselves, because of the barrier between the tribes. But as the men sat wearily there, and as the missionary watched, from the school emerged a little line of tiny African girls. On their heads they had pitchers of water. Shyly and fearfully they approached the tired bearers, knelt and offered their pitchers of water. In surprise the bearers took them and drank and handed them back, and the girls took to their heels and ran to the missionary. "We have given a thirsty man a drink," they said, "in the name of Jesus." The little children took the story and the duty literally.

Would that more would do so! It is the simple kindnesses that are needed. As Mahomet said long ago, "Putting a lost man on the right road, giving a thirsty man a drink of water, smiling in your brother's face--that, too, is charity."

(ii) But the converse is also true. To help is to win the eternal reward. To cause a weaker brother to stumble is to win the eternal punishment. The passage is deliberately stern. The mill-stone that is mentioned is a great millstone. There were two kinds of mills in Palestine. There was the hand-mill that the women used in the house. And there was the mill whose stone was so great that it took an ass to turn it.

The mill-stone here is literally an ass' mill-stone. To be cast into the sea with that attached was certainly to have no hope of return. This was in fact a punishment and a means of execution both in Rome and in Palestine. Josephus tells us that when certain Galilaeans had made a successful revolt "they took those of Herod's party and drowned them in the lake." Suetonius, the Roman historian, tells us of Augustus that, "Because the tutor and attendants of his son Gaius took advantage of their master's illness to commit acts of arrogance and greed to his province, he had them thrown into a river with heavy weights about their necks."

To sin is terrible but to teach another to sin is infinitely worse. O. Henry has a story in which he tells of a little girl whose mother was dead. Her father used to come home from work and sit down and take off his jacket and open his paper and light his pipe and put his feet on the mantelpiece. The little girl would come in and ask him to play with her for a little for she was lonely. He told her he was tired, to let him be at peace. He told her to go out to the street and play. She played on the streets. The inevitable happened--she took to the streets. The years passed on and she died. Her soul arrived in heaven. Peter saw her and said to Jesus, "Master, here's a girl who was a bad lot. I suppose we send her straight to hell?" "No," said Jesus gently, "let her in. Let her in." And then his eyes grew stern, "But look for a man who refused to play with his little girl and sent her out to the streets--and send him to hell." God is

not hard on the sinner, but he will be stern to the person who makes it easier for another to sin, and whose conduct, either thoughtless or deliberate, puts a stumbling-block in the path of a weaker brother.

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